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Georges DEVAQUET, et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: 09/880,864) Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: June 15, 2001)
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For: METHOD FOR VISUALIZING AND)
PROCESSING PROCESS RUNS, AND)
A COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR)
SIMULATING THE SAME)

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is _____
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
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☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, and supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed 15 June 2001, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace amended Claims 1-11, and add new claim 15, as follow.

1. A method for representing and processing a value assembly process, the value assembly process being represented as a set of value assembly lines, ^{the} which value assembly lines ^{being} are arranged on a number of different hierarchical levels, the method comprising:

providing each value assembly line ^{with} has precisely one output interface and at least one input interface;

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